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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 980	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 490	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 980.00

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640 (Fee Code 188) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1640.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. AF01-0465 the sum of \$ 2620.00.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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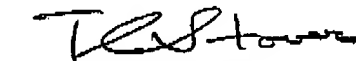
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## 8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

## ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee payment
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CF R 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☐